

YAP RAILROAD BUILDER ON WAY TO LINE CHINA

D. S. Williams Constructing Engineer, Declares That Financial Success of Work Assured

WILL CONNECT WITH NEW GOVERNMENT ROAD IN NORTH

Rails Run Through Rich Agricultural and Coal Country of Canton Province

How to build a Chinese railroad with Chinese capital in the face of the peculiarities of Chinese temperament is a subject that could be well illustrated by D. S. Williams, passenger on the T. K. K. liner Siberia Maru, which left here yesterday for the Orient. Mr. Williams, who is a son of Col. Arthur S. Williams, U. S. A., retired, of Los Angeles, has been visiting his father and is now bound for Nagasaki and from thence to Canton where he is laboring.

Mr. Williams is constructing engineer of the Yuchan railway, of Canton, not the chief engineer according to Chinese classifications, for that position is filled by a large Chinese who signs all the reports and plans that Mr. Williams brings him. But the young American, according to other passengers on the vessel who know him and his work in the Orient, is the constructive genius of the Canton road, the only railway in China that has been developed with purely Chinese capital.

"This line is only one hundred and fifty miles long at present," said Mr. Williams on the Siberia Maru yesterday, "but is assured a financial success under ordinary circumstances. It does not yet connect with the government line from the North, which has still some distance to build before it reaches the junction point."

"We also have about fifty or sixty miles more to build, but this part of the road will be through the mountains and a region that would not by itself support a road, we are waiting for progress on the government road before building further."

"The road at present lies through a rich agricultural district with only several towns on the line, the largest of which numbers about thirty thousand souls, as far as can be determined, for China censuses are neither numerous or exact."

"The line has had some unfortunate experiences and the Chinese capital likely to go into railroads is consequently at present shy. A flood last year wiped out a good part of the road, costing us a half million dollars and then came the revolution you heard about. The revolutionaries smashed some of our stock, tore up some of the line and generally set us back about \$300,000 more."

"At the same time the line is a profitable investment and when running under normal conditions brings in about \$6000 a day in spite of its limited territory."

"The line will tap a district rich in coal and with limestone and other ingredients of cement plentiful while iron has been discovered although the mines have been worked only in a typical half-hearted Chinese way and nothing much has been done with them."

"One of the roads now projected which will probably be among the most prosperous in China is the Canton-Amoy line, which has not yet commenced construction. We have the surveys and know how much it will cost but there has been a row with the government over the concession and the work is held up. A thirty-year concession was wanted and the government will allow only twenty years and negotiations seem to be hung up on that point."

**CLOUDBURST DETAILS
REACH THIS ISLAND**

Additional details of the cloudburst on the Hamakua coast reached here yesterday. All traffic along the coast is blocked on both the county road and the railway. The cloudburst washed out the bridge in Honoumuli, and also washed out the railway tracks at Wailea.

At the time the bridge was washed out a rent automobile belonging to and driven by T. Kawabe, of Honoumuli, containing three passengers, went through with the bridge, it is believed, and two of the passengers, Japanese named Matsuda and Nomura, were drowned and their bodies have not yet been recovered.

Kawabe and the other passenger, Kitanai, escaped with their lives, being rescued half-drowned and seriously injured, on the river bank below the bridge site, and just above the big falls which plunge over the falls fifty feet into a deep pool. They were taken to the hospital at Honoumuli and then to their homes.

Just above the Honoumuli bridge there is a turn in the river bed and here two streams meet. When the cloudburst came the flood backed up at this turn and washed out part of the bank, although the bridge abutments remain. The bridge was an iron-frame structure with wooden flooring, and it was carried away entirely, the iron girders being twisted and broken. The engine of the automobile was found, but the tonneau, in which were the two passengers, has disappeared. It is believed to be in the deep pool under the waterfall.

Fishing Expert Brands Use of Purse Nets as Slaughter

Depletes Supply of Food Fish In Any Waters Declares Santa Catalina Authority

The danger to the food supply of fish in Hawaiian waters if a proposed cannery is allowed to catch its supply here with immense purse nets as it has indicated it would, is set forth clearly in a letter received yesterday by H. Gooding Field, secretary of the Hawaii Tuna Club, from Ernest Windle, editor of "The Islander" of Avalon, California. Mr. Windle is a recognized authority on aquatic resources of California waters and gives a vivid account in his letter of how the fish supply in southern California waters was depleted by the canneries.

Mr. Field took up the question of purse net fishing in Hawaiian waters as soon as the prospectus of the proposed tuna cannery company here was issued. "This is a matter that affects not the game fishing in Hawaii," said Mr. Field, "but vitally affects the food supply of fish, the staple food commodity in these islands. Purse net fishing would cut off this food supply in no time and I intend to bring the matter before the legislature to have a law passed prohibiting purse net fishing. I wrote to Mr. Windle asking him to let me know just exactly how purse net fishing has affected the fish supply between Catalina Island and Los Angeles, where the canneries have been fishing with purse nets." Mr. Windle's letter follows:

"Your kind favor enclosing the prospectus of the proposed cannery company is here. It is an interesting prospectus."

"As per your request I have sent to the mainland for an extra copy of our fish and game laws, and will forward the same to you immediately on receipt of it. The laws of this state are not satisfactory, however. Too many loopholes!"

"In regard to purse nets: The net is about one mile in length and is from 175 to 200 feet in depth. For the taking of albacore, better known as tuna, the purse net, as understood, has not been successful in these waters."

"When used by the cannery men, the purse net, with a tug at each end, became an unwieldy net, so ponderous that many deep swimming fish escaped owing to the fact that too much time was lost in closing the 'purse.' In a successful haul of the surface fish, tons of smaller fish were mangled, mutilated and crushed, that they were used as 'chum' for the attraction of the albacore in a later attempt to surround the schools."

"Fish that can stand a water pressure of 400 feet or more, such as the albacore and tuna, can often escape from any round-haul net, but a purse net for surface fish such as yellowtail, white sea bass, etc., becomes a veritable slaughtering pen."

"My own opinion is that the use of purse nets in these waters during the past year has caused the direct death of tons of fish which later have been used for chicken feed and fertilizer."

"Also, tons of fish were never taken from the ocean, because, injured in the nets, they became an easy prey to the vast numbers of shark that congregate at times when the fish are held in captivity."

"It is an injustice to any State and to the people, for any legislative body to allow the use of a round-haul net more than five hundred feet in length. It is not so much the amount of fish taken from the water at one time, but the depletion—galloping destruction—that comes from the amount of edible fish wasted, in the methods used to take the fish."

"You ask what injury purse nets have done to the California fisheries. 'Two years ago, albacore, the fish they can for 'tuna' because it is a member of the mackerel family, was bought from the market fishermen, by the canneries, at thirty dollars a ton. Today the California canneries will pay \$185 per ton. It is not so much the demand for 'canned tuna' as it is a scarcity of fish."

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"Fish move with the currents, in cycles, appearing and disappearing. Disturb the natural order of things and the cycle changes. Destroy the inhabitants of a country and that country must be repopulated—which all takes time, money and enterprise. And it is a safe bet that the proposed cannery company will not spend any of their 'enormous profits' to repopulate your waters if once you allow them to become depleted. The cannery companies surely are not spending any money in California to propagate fish. They are, however, spending large sums to find loopholes in the laws."

**SMALLER SCHOOLS TO
SHARE JANITOR FUND**

"There is no dispute between Supervising Principal McCluskey and me on the principle of a fairer apportionment of the \$4500 per year available for school janitor service," declares School Commissioner D. C. Lindsay in last Friday's Maui News, of Wailuku.

"What we didn't agree on was the method of making this apportionment." Mr. Lindsay stated that he and Mr. McCluskey are getting together on the matter, and will be ready on a schedule by the time of the next meeting of the supervisors.

Lindsay further explains that he wants the principals of the various schools made responsible for the maintenance of their buildings and grounds, and the giving to the smaller schools a larger share of the janitor money. McCluskey wants the same thing. The method of getting it resulted in the deadlock before the board of supervisors last week.

At the present time six of the larger schools get \$3168 of the \$4500 available for janitors, or almost three quarters of the entire amount. They represent only about thirty-five per cent of the school enrollment, however. The count at present pays about \$600 per year each to six schools for janitor and janitor supplies. This amount is now likely to be cut almost in half, in order that some of the little schools which have been getting as low as fourteen dollars per year may be better cared for. The idea is that each school principal will be able to keep his buildings and grounds in preactable condition through judicious use of a little money in wages to some of the older boys, or to residents in the neighborhood of the school.

**DUTCH NAVY BEGINS
USING HOLLAND COAL**

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, January 24.—The Dutch navy has begun experiments in the use of home-mined coal, which has hitherto been regarded as unsuitable for bunker purposes. The coal is mined in the province of Limburg where the fields have been greatly developed since the war began, and it will be made in the form of briquets for navy use. The sale of home-mined coal in Holland has risen from 559,000 tons in 1912 to 2,005,000 tons in 1915.

**AN IMPROVED QUININE
DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEAD**

Because of its taste and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will be found better than ordinary Quinine. Does not cause nervousness, nor ringing in the head. Remember, there is only one "Bromo Quinine." The signature of H. W. Grove is on each bottle.

BATTLE ON SOMME IS DESCRIBED BY FORMER RESIDENT

Herbert Purvis Who Commanded Battalion In One Desperate Charge, Wounded In Leg

GLAD HE IS ABLE TO HELP IN GREAT WORLD CONFLICT

Proud His Country "Entered Into War In Defense of Right," He Says

Herbert Purvis, a one-time resident of Kukuhaele, Hawaii, and well remembered by many here, writes a friend in Honolulu that he is an officer in the English army and that he has seen considerable fighting in the Somme offensive, in which he has been wounded, but has now recovered.

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"Such a time is the trial we are undergoing now, and, in spite of having lost the dearest of all my sons and the constant peril of my two remaining boys, I would not recoil, if I could, the day on which we entered into war in defense of right, and to punish the nation that for purposes of self-aggrandizement, let loose this appalling war."

"Nothing that I can imagine could have been grander than the great uprising of the whole British Empire from Britain to the Antipodes, to fight for an ideal. We had not been attacked, but our honor had, and although everyone knew that our turn to be attacked must follow, still the fact remains that every nation under the Union Jack rose to fight for the ideal, and without waiting."

MILLIONS IN THE FIGHT

"We have put millions of soldiers into the fight, I cannot say how many millions, for I don't know, but far in excess of five millions, and every one of them a volunteer, for compulsory service has not yet sent a man to the front as they are not yet trained."

"Having returned only recently from the fighting front, I am full of admiration for these men whose superb courage passes belief—a company of them—under my command in the great battle of the Somme on September 15."

"We advanced under shell and machine-gun fire for over four hours, suffering very heavy losses, in two lines fifty yards apart, at a walking pace, and all the time those men were as cheery as sandhogs—most were little more than boys—and when we had reached the limit of our attack I ordered them to dig in and hold the ground we had won, against all the counter-attacks."

Bullet Breaks His Leg

"Just then my leg was broken by machine-gun fire. My men carried me out of the line and did not give up an inch of ground but held it all the next night, destroying all the Germans who attempted to recapture it with hand grenades."

"At the time I was wounded I was in command of the battalion, and proud I was of such men, and so, can you wonder that my one wish is to be sent back to them? Few of them remain, but we have put our mark on the Hun and nothing gratified me more than to have these savages coming into me with their hands up, squealing—yes, squealing—for mercy."

"They all got it, and it is a most astonishing sight to see our men's kindness to them, no vindictiveness at all, but sharing their rations and cigarettes with the men who have just been fighting against them."

"The war is not over and won't be for some time, but the Hun is a licked man and only fights on because he has to. The end is certain."

Not Long In Trenches

"From your letters I see that you are under the impression that I was in trench warfare. That is only true to a limited extent. All the time I was in the Somme offensive and, of course, between attacks we dug in and held lines of trenches opposite the Hun; yet as soon as we were ready for the next 'push' it was 'over the top' and 'advance.' In all cases we succeeded so, that the Hun became very demoralized."

"My leg is mended but I still limp. I go before a medical board in ten days when I expect to be passed for light duty. I don't think that I can return to the front until Easter."

"In conclusion I would say don't think that money, money and having a good time are the chief things in life. There are others. Me ke aloha nui."

CROUP.

Every young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

SMALLPOX AGAIN FOUND ON VESSEL

Ecuador Has Case In First Cabin But All Precautions Taken

For the third time within the past several months a case of smallpox was reported by a steamer arriving from the Orient, when the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador reached port from Yokohama yesterday afternoon. For the second time all necessary precautions had been taken by the ship's surgeon, in this case, Dr. James A. Young, to the satisfaction of the public health authorities, and the vessel was not quarantined in any way.

The patient in this instance was the child of Mr. and Mrs. Moy T. Dow, Chinese first-cabin passengers. The entire family was removed to Quarantine Island yesterday before the vessel docked. No restrictions were placed either on the passengers or on local people going aboard.

The Ecuador had, including the family of the little patient, eight cabin passengers for Honolulu and forty-one steerage passengers. The steerage passengers were taken to the immigration station last night. They include three East Indians, the first to arrive in some time. They will be closely examined by the officials. The others include thirty-six Japanese and one Korean.

The cargo for Honolulu amounts to seventy tons, and work was commenced discharging it at once after docking. Although it was after dark before the vessel was tied up. There were sixty-five sacks of mail for Honolulu.

Among the arriving passengers were W. H. Bank and Y. T. Gogelein, sugar men from Java, who have come here to look over the local sugar industry. Other local passengers were Mrs. Nellie Jaeger, widow of the late Henry Jaeger, who died in Shanghai and whose ashes were brought back on the steamer. Miss Marion Jaeger, Mrs. Jaeger's daughter, returned with her.

The Ecuador arrived off port yesterday afternoon about half past three, and after examination by the quarantine officials, which resulted in the granting of full pratique, waited outside the harbor until her sister ship, the Venezuela, vacated the berth at Pier 6, at five o'clock in the afternoon. Capt. I. R. Macnealey, territorial pilot, took the Venezuela out and brought the Ecuador in.

The Ecuador will leave at noon today for San Francisco.

HEAR RUMORS OF OTHER PURCHASES

Officers of Venezuela Have Unconfirmed Report of Additions To Fleet

Two big new Dutch vessels have been purchased by the Pacific Mail Company for addition to their fleet, according to reports which the officers of the Venezuela heard in Pacific Mail circles in San Francisco. The Venezuela arrived yesterday from the Coast sailing at five o'clock for the Orient. The reports repeated by her officers, were persisting in San Francisco, they say, but they could get no authoritative confirmation from them. One of these vessels is the Dutch steamer Rotterdam of 15,000 tons and the other is a sister ship. They would be the largest vessels of the fleet if the report is true. The Rotterdam is now in the port of the same name. The Venezuela has many new faces among its officers, including H. Kirst, a new first officer transferred from the Panama.

He was formerly second officer on the Siberia when the latter vessel was under the American flag. He replaces Chief Officer A. Martin who is to go to command on the Panama run.

J. A. Fortune is the new chief engineer and J. Mernin the new chief steward, replacing respectively Chief Engineer Hamilton and Chief Steward McPherson who were paid off at Yokohama on the last voyage. The vessel completed that trip with the first assistant engineer and the second steward filling those positions.

The vessel is carrying 3391 tons of cargo through to Oriental ports and took on here an additional 125 tons of supplies of coffee and canned pineapples.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Babcock, passengers on the Siberia Maru, which also arrived yesterday morning, left that vessel yesterday and took passage on the Venezuela. They are bound for Shanghai and the schedules of the two ships are such that the Venezuela will make that port before the Siberia.

There are eight lay-over passengers from the Venezuela for Honolulu and a fairly large list going through to the Orient. The vessel sailed at five o'clock yesterday afternoon, her berth being taken by the liner Ecuador of the same line.

TWO SEAMEN HURT ON SIBERIA MARU

As the result of a slight accident while loading scrap iron on the Siberia Maru yesterday afternoon, about five o'clock a boatswain and sailor of that vessel are in the ship's hospital, the former painfully but not seriously injured. The sling bearing the iron swung too far to one side, pinning the two men to the rail and lacerating the arm of boatswain K. Nishimoto. Seaman Y. Yasui was struck by the swing but was able to return to duty later.

JUMP'S HERE AGAIN IN GOOD OLD HAWAII

Noted Southern California Angler Arrives With Party For Lengthy Stay

Jump's here again. And the Jump party's also here.

With a banner on which one could read a mile off "Welcome Home Jimmy Jump" floating from the staff, George P. Cooke, senator, cattle rancher, hunter, angler and several things more, in addition to being president of the Hawaii Tuna Club, accompanied by H. Gooding Field, who raced back over the sea from Maui early in the morning, and a number of other local sports, went out in Cooke's worthy launch to meet the launch and Jimmy Jump outside the harbor in the early morning hours yesterday.

J. W. Jump, noted Southern California, Hawaii and world fish sport, returned to Honolulu in the Maunaloa, with a party of fellow enthusiasts. He brings with him his fine power boat, the Sea Scout, in which he expects to spend at least three months fishing in Hawaiian waters.

Until Mr. Jump finds a beach bungalow for himself and party he will stay at The Courtland. Today he will go over the angling situation with his first lieutenant, H. Gooding Field. Just as soon as the matter can be arranged the party will be off to the Maui fishing banks, where real work at persuading the elusive denizens of the deep to come aboard will begin.

In the Jump party are the ring-leader, J. W. Jump; his wife, their little girl, Dorothy, all of whom are already kama'ainas; and Capt. K. S. Walker, skipper of the Sea Scout. In Captain Walker, Mr. Jump says that he has not only a good seaman but an expert angler, all of which is pleasing to the owner of the Sea Scout.

Over in Catalina Island, the home of California's big anglers, four hundred pairs of ears and eyes will be waiting anxiously to hear and see tidings of Jump and the Jump party and before long more than one will trail over the ocean to Honolulu to see that all the reports emanating from here are real true fish stories.

Mr. Jump, when told of the monster swordfish caught off Maunaloa last week, immediately began arrangements for a trip to that coast section of Oahu.

"Where there's one big swordfish, there must be others of the family," he said, "and I want them."

A. A. Kaku, one, also and a newly discovered fish Senator Chillingworth told Mr. Jump is called "Apo," equivalent to that mythical Spanish fish known as "manana," will now be at the mercy of the Jump party.

HILO BASKETBALL LEAGUE SEEKING INCORPORATION

A petition to be allowed to incorporate was received yesterday by Territorial Treasurer McCarthy from the Hilo Basketball League. The league has no capital stock. Its officers are Young E. Colville, president; Robert T. Forrest, vice-president, and John R. Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer. Other directors are Arthur L. Mackaye and Eugene Deyo. The petition states that those mentioned are officers of six basketball teams at Hilo.

QUICK RELIEF OF ITCHING ECZEMA

Was Surprising—Inflammation Reduced in a Few Hours and Cure Soon Followed—Boy's Torture Had Been Intense for Years—Friend's Child Had Eczema, Too.

MOTHER TELLS HOW CUTICURA CURED BOTH

"When my boy was six years old, he suffered terribly with eczema. He could neither sit still nor lie quietly in bed, for the itching was so intense that he would irritate spots by scratching with his nails and that only made them worse. A doctor treated him and we tried almost everything, but the eczema seemed to get worse. It started in a small place on the lower extremities and spread for two years until it very nearly covered the back part of his body to the knees."

Finally I got Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Pills and gave them according to directions. I used them in the morning and that evening, before I put my boy to bed. I used them again and the improvement even in those few hours was surprising. The inflammation seemed to be so much lessened."

I used two boxes of Cuticura Ointment, the same of the Pills and the Soap and my boy was cured. My son is now in his seventeenth year and he has never had a return of the eczema.

"I took care of a friend's child that had eczema on his face and limbs and I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. They acted on the child just as they did on my son and it has never returned. I would recommend the Cuticura Remedies to anyone." Mrs. A. J. Cochran, 1823 Columbia Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 20, 1907.

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Torturing, disgusting patches of humor on the skin, scalp or hands are instantly relieved and speedily cured, in the majority of cases, by warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointings of Cuticura Ointment. For eczema, rashes, itching, irritations, inflammations, dandruff, dry, thin and falling hair, for sensitive, antiseptic cleansing and all purposes of the toilet, these pure, sweet, gentle emollients are unrivaled.

Cuticura Soap (25c) to Cleanse the Skin, Cuticura Ointment (50c) to Heal the Skin and Cuticura Pills (25c) to Purify the Blood are sold everywhere. Cuticura Soap and Ointment, 25c each. Cuticura Pills, 25c each. Cuticura Soap and Ointment, 25c each. Cuticura Pills, 25c each. Cuticura Soap and Ointment, 25c each. Cuticura Pills, 25c each.

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JAVA SUGAR MEN COME HERE TO BUY MODERN MACHINERY

Arrive On Ecuador With Commission To Purchase Searby Shredder In Honolulu

WILL ALSO INVESTIGATE OTHER ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS

Javan Mills Are Planning Expenditure of Thousands of Dollars In Near Future

Commissioned to purchase improved sugar mill machinery in Honolulu for plantations in Java, two representatives of the sugar interests of the Dutch East Indies arrived last night on the steamer Ecuador from the Orient. They are W. von Bank, plantation manager of the S. P. Kawarasan, and J. F. Gogelein, plantation manager of the S. P. Noemberdadi, both in the district of Kediri, Java, and both owned by a big Amsterdam sugar corporation.

The Searby shredder, the most recent of a long list of improvements in modern sugar mill machinery that are the product of the inventive genius of the Hawaiian sugar industry, is the magnet that draws the two Java men to Honolulu. The fame of the remarkable work accomplished by the Searby shredding system in preparing the cane for the mills reached Java some time ago, according to Mr. von Bank and Mr. Gogelein. The main purpose of the two Java sugar men is to investigate thoroughly the workings of the Searby shredders in Hawaiian mills preparatory to placing orders for the installation of the system in all Javan sugar mills.

"Our firm has been carrying on correspondence for some time with Cotten, Neill & Co., of Honolulu," said Mr. Gogelein last night, "and they are satisfied of the value of the Searby shredders. The owners decided that a personal investigation should be made before purchase of the Searby system on a large scale, as the Javan mills are planning the expenditure of many thousands of dollars to install these machines."

"We will also investigate other improvements in Hawaiian mills and intend to make a study of the Hawaiian sugar industry for our interests."

"Java and Hawaii," added Mr. von Bank, "we consider as the two places where the sugar cane industry has reached the point of highest development. There is a close feeling of mutual interest between the two countries and our plantations are always a touch with the improvement and progress of cane growing and sugar manufacture in Hawaii. Our export station keeps in close touch with the work of the Hawaiian station and we have learned much from the work that the Hawaiian experiment station has announced. In the same manner we have found your station interested in our work."

Both Mr. von Bank and Mr. Gogelein report that the high price of sugar last year has been an aid to the development of the sugar industry in Java and a means of making possible the improvement of the industry for longer years which may come.

Last year most of the Java crop was marketed in England, they said, and as sugar was scarce there they expect at this attention will continue. After the war they expect that Java will return to her regular sugar markets—China, Australia and Japan.

The Javan sugar industry does not suffer from a scarcity of labor, they said, as there are more than enough laborers to be found for the sugar plantations. The next Javan grinding season, according to their reports, will see a fine crop, as the rains have been plentiful, and even the dry season has been tempered by rainfall. The Javan grinding period is from May to November.

HILO TO HAVE FINE GYM AND PLAY HOME

The new gymnasium and social hall which is to be erected on the Waiohona tract, if everything goes through all right, will undoubtedly fill "a long-felt want," says "Val" Stevenson in last Friday's Hawaii Herald, of Hilo. The gym will be an up-to-date one and an experienced athletic director will be in charge of the place.

Already applications for the post of athletic instructor are coming in to the directors, and several good men have offered their services. The directors will not make any selection for the position of instructor just now, but before long a good man will be secured.

The new hall will be run by the directors, and they are all Hilo men. A suggestion to the effect that something in the way of a branch of the Honolulu Y. M. C. A. should be instituted in the hall did not meet with universal favor.

It was felt that as many of the members of the new club will be of very mixed religious and nationalities, it would hardly do to introduce anything along the Y. M. C. A. lines. It will be the idea of the directors of the hall to run the place in the best possible manner, but to absolutely bar any religious controversy and to make the place a real recreation home for men and boys of all denominations.

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